

**Amendments to the Drawings**

Please replace Fig. 2 with the amended Fig. 2, which adds the numeral 9 as described in [0017].

**REMARKS**

The application has been amended to adapt the specification and claims of the underlying international application to U.S. practice and to correct numbering mistakes in the specification. Claims 1 to 9, as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2003/007905, have been canceled without prejudice, and new claims 10 to 18 have been added.

Applicants believe that no fees are due as a result of this amendment. In the event of a fee discrepancy, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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